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AMENDMENTS TO AND LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Process A process for the winding of nets knitted from thrums and wefts to a given winding width at a winding point, comprising guiding the thrums of the knitted net along spacer elements ahead of the winding point after the net has been knitted, wherein the winding width of the net is reduced by the spacer elements.

2. (Canceled)

- 3. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 1, wherein the thrums run parallel to the pass direction of the net between the spacer elements and the winding point.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 1, wherein the reduction in the winding width of the net is effected by reducing the distance between the thrums.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Process <u>The process</u> according to Claim 4, wherein due to the reduction in the distance between the thrums, the wefts between the thrums in the wound net are not under tension.
- 6. (Currently Amended) <u>Process The process</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the winding width is set by moving the spacer elements transversely to the pass direction of the net.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Process <u>The process</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the spacer elements rotate at a circumferential speed about an axis transversely to the winding direction of the net, with the circumferential speed corresponding to the speed of the net.

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8. (Currently Amended) Process <u>The process</u> according to Claim 1, wherein polyolefin strips are employed as thrums and wefts.

- 9. (Currently Amended) Device A device for winding knitted nets that have been knitted from thrums and wefts to a given winding width at a winding point, comprising spacer elements which are arranged ahead of the winding point along which the thrums of the knitted net are guided, wherein the winding width of the net is reduced by the spacer elements.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Device The device according to Claim 9, wherein spacer rings are located on the rod as spacer elements.
- 11. (Currently Amended) Device <u>The device</u> according to Claim 9, wherein the spacer elements are formed as ribs on a rod.
- 12. (Currently Amended) Device The device according to Claim 9, wherein the spacer elements rotate about an axis transversely to the winding direction of the net during winding of the net.
- 13. (Currently Amended) Device-The device according to Claim 9, wherein the spacer elements do not move during winding of the net.
- 14. (Currently Amended) Device The device according to Claim 9, wherein the distance between the spacer elements corresponds to the distance between the thrums of the wound net.
- 15. (Currently Amended) Device The device according to Claim 9, wherein the spacer elements can be moved transversely to the pass direction of the net.
- 16. (Currently Amended) Process A process for the winding of nets knitted from thrums and wefts to a given winding width at a winding point, comprising knitting a net from thrums and wefts with a knitting machine, and guiding the thrums of the knitted net along spacer

elements ahead of the winding point after the net has been knitted and after the net has left the knitting machine, wherein the winding width of the net is reduced by the spacer elements.

17. (Canceled)

- 18. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 16, wherein the thrums run parallel to the pass direction of the net between the spacer elements and the winding point.
- 19. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 16, wherein the reduction in the winding width of the net is effected by reducing the distance between the thrums.
- 20. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 19, wherein due to the reduction in the distance between the thrums, the wefts between the thrums in the wound net are not under tension.
- 21. (Currently Amended) <u>Process The process</u> according to Claim 16, wherein the winding width is set by moving the spacer elements transversely to the pass direction of the net.
- 22. (Currently Amended) Process <u>The process</u> according to Claim 16, wherein the spacer elements rotate at a circumferential speed about an axis transversely to the winding direction of the net, with the circumferential speed corresponding to the speed of the net.
- 23. (Currently Amended) Process The process according to Claim 16, wherein polyolefin strips are employed as thrums and wefts.